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## **City of Salisbury Public Information Officer and Director of Communications Voluntarily Resigns**

Salisbury, NC – February 8, 2012\_ Karen Wilkinson, the City's Public Information Officer and Director of Communications, has voluntarily resigned.

Ms. Wilkinson's resignation became effective December 30, 2011. Acting City Manager, Doug Paris, thanked Ms. Wilkinson for her service to the City. "Ms. Wilkinson has been a dedicated, hard working public servant, spokesperson and community representative for the City for more than 8 years. The City appreciates her hard work and her desire to serve the people of this community. We wish her great success in whatever her next career step may be, and we are confident that she will do well."

Ms. Wilkinson said, "God has richly blessed and honored me with the opportunity to serve the wonderful citizens of Salisbury for the last 8 ½ years. Salisbury's residents are very dear to me, and I will continue to keep them in my thoughts and heart-felt prayers. Godspeed to all."

Mr. Paris announced that the City will begin its search for a replacement in Ms. Wilkinson's former position soon. Elaney Hasselmann is serving as the Acting Public Information Officer as the City conducts its search.

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